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House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio listens at left as President Barack Obama speaks to media as he meets with bipartisan, bicameral leadership of Congress to discuss a wide range of issues, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington. Associated Press

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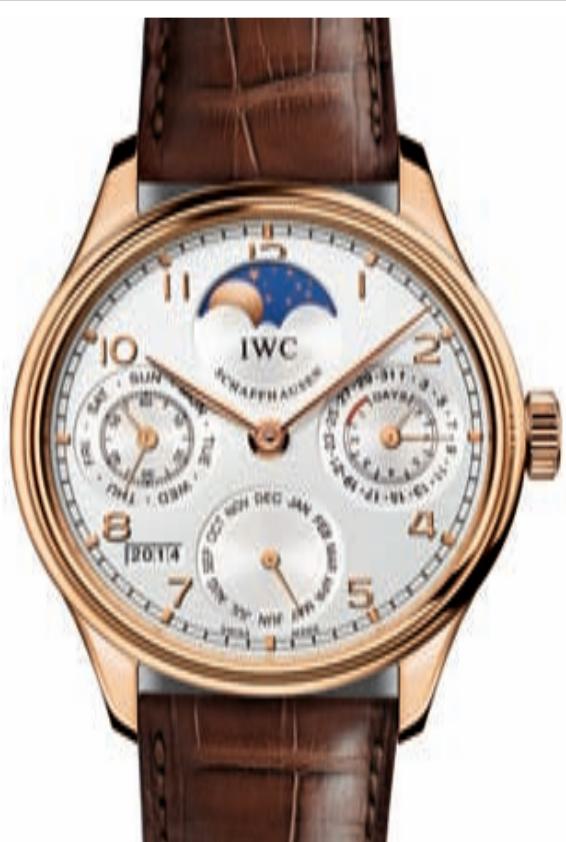
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## Republicans cool to Obama's proposal to raise taxes on rich

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama will outline a plan to raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans during his nationally televised State of the Union policy address Tuesday, a message that could put tax-averse congressional Republicans in the spot of blocking measures that would offer broad economic benefits to the middle class.

With Republicans in control of both houses of Congress for the first time in eight years, the White House has no hope of the tax proposal becoming law, but Obama appears determined to push the measure as a means of highlighting the different goals of Democrats and newly ascendant Republicans.

An intense partisan battle between the two parties has dominated Obama's first six years in office and is only growing fiercer with the 2016 presidential race heating up. In the early



A barn called the Energy Barn, which was built by anti-pipeline activists directly on the route of the Keystone XL pipeline, stands in a snowy corn field near Bradshaw, Neb., Friday, Jan. 16, 2015. The White House has threatened to veto several bills the Republicans have prioritized, including approving construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

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days of the new session of Congress, Obama already has threatened to veto five pieces of Republican-sponsored legislation aimed at undoing many of the key

successes of his presidency — among them measures that would force construction of a pipeline to carry Canadian tar sands oil to refineries on the U.S. Gulf

coast, overturn Obama's executive actions on immigration and roll back his health care reform law.

Now he is further challenging the opposition party

with a call for hefty tax increases on the wealthiest Americans and to use that revenue to provide tax breaks for middle-class earners.

The White House has outlined tax proposals that will be the centerpiece of his Tuesday speech. The plan would increase the capital gains tax rate on couples making more than \$500,000 per year to 28 percent, the same level as under President Ronald Reagan in the 1980s.

The top capital gains rate has already been raised from 15 percent to 23.8 percent during Obama's presidency.

Obama also wants to close what the administration is calling the "trust fund loophole," a change that would require estates to pay capital gains taxes on securities at the time they are inherited.

Officials said the overwhelming impact of the change would be on the top 1 percent of income earners. □

## Ex-Salvador ambassador, critic of U.S. foreign policy, dies



In this March 23, 2007, file photo, Robert White, former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, speaks during a news conference in San Salvador. White died Tuesday Jan. 13, 2014, of cancer.

Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Robert E. White, a former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador and strong critic of U.S. policy in the region during the Central American wars, has died at age 88, according to the Washington-based Center for International Policy where he was a senior fellow.

White, who died Tuesday of cancer, spent 25 years in the U.S. Foreign Service and was ambassador to

El Salvador from 1980-81. He was known as an outspoken critic of policies the U.S. followed in the fight against communism, writing in 1999:

"In the name of anticommunism, U.S.-supported armies suppressed democracy, free speech, and human rights in El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. Torture and assassination of democratic leaders, including presiden-

tial candidates, journalists, priests and union officials became commonplace." Appointed to the El Salvador post by former President Jimmy Carter, White was probably best known for defying the U.S. government on the Salvador killing of three nuns and a fourth lay church worker in 1980, just before President Ronald Reagan took over in Washington.

"I did what I could to oppose policies that supported dictators and closed off democratic alternatives," White wrote in 2013. "In 1981, as the ambassador to El Salvador, I refused a demand by the secretary of state, Alexander M. Haig Jr., that I use official channels to cover up the Salvadoran military's responsibility for the murders of four American churchwomen. I was fired and forced out of the Foreign Service." White was born Sept. 21, 1926, in Melrose Heights, Mass., according to the

U.S. State Department. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 and received a bachelor's degree from St. Michael's Col-

lege in 1952 and a master's from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1954. He joined the Foreign Service in 1955. □

## Man freed from Cuba to attend Obama's State of Union speech

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A U.S. contractor who returned home last month after spending five years imprisoned in Cuba will have a prime viewing spot for President Barack Obama's State of the Union address: a seat near first lady Michelle Obama.

Alan Gross and his wife, Judy, are among 22 guests the White House invited to Tuesday night's speech. Gross is a former federal subcontractor who was arrested in Cuba in 2009. His wife and others said he was there to set up Internet access for the small Jewish

community on the communist island. He was released last month as part of a historic announcement by Obama that the U.S. would restore diplomatic relations with Cuba after five decades.

It's become tradition for presidents to invite people whose stories of tragedy or triumph highlight an issue or public policy. President Ronald Reagan was the first to do so in 1982 and acknowledge the guests, who sit with the first lady, during the speech. Every president since has continued the tradition. □

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## China-savvy tea partyer heads Asia-Pacific panel

MATTHEW PENNINGTON

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The new leader of the House of Representatives panel overseeing U.S. policy on Asia and the Pacific is a rarity in Congress: a deeply conservative Republican who shuns isolationism, favors closer ties with Asia and stands poised to praise as well as criticize China — and even do it in Mandarin.

Rep. Matt Salmon of Arizona is part of the tea party movement that advocates small government, takes a tough line on immigration and opposes President Barack Obama at every turn.

But Salmon also brings a unique perspective on Asia. He spent two years as a Mormon missionary in Taiwan, where he learned to speak Chinese. He says he has visited mainland China more than 40 times, and during an earlier three-term stint in Congress that ended in 2000, he met with China's then-leader to help secure the release of a U.S. college researcher accused of stealing state



In this Jan. 9, 2015 file photo, House Foreign Relations subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere Chairman Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz., talks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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secrets.

Salmon embraces an active U.S. role in Asia, including a regional free-trade agreement. And in a Congress where China typically faces stiff criticism from Republicans and Democrats alike, Salmon has a more balanced view.

"I want to be seen as someone who wants to work with China, but I'm certain-

ly not going to be an appeaser," Salmon told The Associated Press about his chairmanship of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific. The 56-year-old said he'd be upbeat where appropriate, but "I'm going to be blunt sometimes."

He showed a willingness to do that at a hearing last February that examined China's aggressive pursuit of territorial claims in the disputed seas of East Asia. He told lawmakers that Beijing was playing a game of dare and seeing "if the U.S. has the guts" to challenge it. Salmon has a background in telecommunications and public relations. He has most recently chaired a subcommittee overseeing policy toward Latin and Central America, often probing the U.S. response to cross-border migration. He is a potential primary challenger to one of the most prominent, and more moderate, Republicans, John McCain, if the senator seeks re-election next year as expected.

The Asia panel Salmon will now chair has become more active than its Senate counterpart, although traditionally the upper chamber has been viewed as more influential in U.S. foreign policy, said former Republican Rep. Jim Leach, who chaired the subcommittee between 1996 and 2001. The political background of the chair matters less than their understanding of the region and staff support, he said.

"My priority is going to be helping the president keep his promise on pivoting to Asia, which really hasn't materialized yet," Salmon said, referring to Obama's attempt to shift more U.S. attention to the fast-growing region after the post-9/11 preoccupation with the Mideast. Salmon lambasted the president for failing to win congressional support last year for the main trade pillar of the pivot: a 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP.

"Obama used no political capital, as he doesn't have any," Salmon said.

Salmon is a long-time advocate of economic engagement with China, which isn't in the TPP. He supported granting Beijing permanent most-favored-nation trade status and its 2001 accession to the World Trade Organization. That provided leverage to persuade then-Chinese President Jiang Zemin to release Yongyi Song, the U.S. college researcher who had been arrested for gathering archive material on Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution.

"Salmon understood that when you deal with China on trade, you should still insist on democratic principles," said Yongyi, now a librarian and professor at California State University's Los Angeles campus. "He actually argued with China's top leader to win my release."

Today, Salmon voices disappointment that economic opportunity has not led to more political and religious freedoms for the Chinese. He said the U.S. should be ready to "strengthen the hand" of those whose rights are infringed by China, as well as nations, including U.S. allies, whose sovereignty is threatened.

He shares the Obama administration's view that China should be encouraged to become a responsible world power. Salmon said China should use its economic leverage in Pakistan and the Middle East to help combat Islamic militancy, and lean on North Korea to rein in its nuclear program and cyberactivities.

He disagrees, however, with the president's effort to work with China on fighting climate change, saying a recent agreement on carbon emissions will hurt the U.S. economically. □

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# U.S. officials seek end to Cuban restrictions on diplomats

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — American officials head to Havana this week with fairly modest goals of cooperation with the Cuban government, seeking an end to restrictions on the U.S. Interests Section there so that an embassy — and symbol of the two countries' new relationship — can eventually be established.

The migration and normalization talks between the United States and Cuba are the biggest face-to-face meetings since Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro announced their intentions last month to re-establish diplomatic ties. Leading the U.S. delegation is Roberta Jacobson, the top U.S. diplomat for Latin America, the most senior American official to visit Cuba in more than three decades.

A senior administration official said the Obama administration has concrete if limited objectives for the discussions Wednesday through Friday. They include American diplomats being reaccredited in Cuba and facing no travel restrictions, no limits on the number of U.S. diplomats in the country, unimpeded shipments to the U.S. mission and free access for Cubans to the mission. Jacobson will meet Cuban activists and



**U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont leaves his hotel for a tour of the city during a three-day visit to Havana, Cuba, Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015.**

Associated Press

civil society representatives, as well.

How quickly the Cubans meet the requests related to the Interests Section will help determine when the two countries can re-establish embassies, post ambassadors in each other's capitals and restore full diplomatic relations, the official said. Reporters were briefed on this process Monday on the talks on condition the official not be quoted by name. The U.S. and Cuba haven't had diplomatic relations since 1961, shortly after Fidel Castro seized power. Interests sections were established in the late 1970s

to boost cooperation, but never really advanced a detente between the two countries. In the years since, both governments have enforced restrictions on the activity of each other's diplomats in their countries. But changes have come quickly since December's announcement of a prisoner exchange between the U.S. and Cuba and their promises to end the decades-long estrangement. The Cubans last week released 53 political prisoners. Three days later, the U.S. significantly eased travel and trade rules with Cuba.

Despite opposition by some American lawmakers, particularly Republicans, a U.S. congressional delegation was in Havana Monday to see how they could aid the process. Among their possible meetings was one with President Raul Castro. The delegation is being led by Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, a key appropriator of funds for U.S. foreign operations. A major question that Leahy and others are gauging is how Castro's government responds to the U.S. expansion of diplomatic and trade ties. It's a question that adminis-

tration officials also readily acknowledge.

The U.S. wants to accelerate further the level of engagement between the two countries, the senior administration official said. Whereas the U.S. and Cuba found some common ground in recent years on oil spill prevention efforts and counter-narcotics work, Washington wants to explore disease monitoring and law enforcement cooperation.

For decades some of America's most-wanted fugitives have lived unmolested in Cuba, frustrating U.S. efforts to apprehend them. They include Joanne Chesimard, a Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army member now known as Assata Shakur, who was convicted in 1977 of killing a New Jersey state trooper and sentenced to life in prison. She escaped and fled to Cuba.

The official cited no progress yet on efforts to return people whom the U.S. considers to be criminals, but Cuba sees as worthy of political asylum.

Billions of dollars in claims against the Cuban government pose another hurdle. The official suggested some process for settling these claims would have to be created for relations between the U.S. and Cuba to be normalized. □



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## U.S. remembers MLK amid racial tensions over police killings

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Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Speakers honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. at his spiritual home in Atlanta repeated the same message on his national holiday Monday: We've come a long way, but there's still much to be done to fulfill the slain civil rights activist's dream. The holiday came against the backdrop of recent

nationwide protests over the deaths of unarmed black men and boys at the hands of police around the country.

King's daughter, the Rev. Bernice King, urged those gathered at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta for the 47th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Commemorative Service to act out against injustice. But she also said they should



Eric Garner's mother Gwen Carr lays a wreath at the site where Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos were killed, Monday, Jan. 19, 2015, in New York. The life of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was remembered across New York City on Monday, the annual commemorations taking on added meaning at a time of increased focus on race relations in the nation's largest city. Six months after Eric Garner, who is black, died in a white police officer's chokehold, protests and speeches invoking his name provided a backdrop for the King commemorations.

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People chant as they take part in an annual march in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Monday, Jan. 19, 2015, in St. Louis. In addition to honoring Dr. King, many of the marchers protested recent killings by police.

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heed her father's message of nonviolence.

"We cannot act unless we understand what Dr. King taught us. He taught us that we still have a choice to make: nonviolent co-existence or violent co-annihilation," she said. "I challenge you to work with us as we help this nation choose nonviolence."

She invoked the deaths of unarmed black men in Ferguson, Missouri, and in New York City and the fatal shooting of a 12-year-old boy in Cleveland, Ohio. All three were killed by white officers.

"I cannot help but remember many women and men who have been gunned down, not by a bad police force but by some bad actors in a police force," she said.

Those deaths sparked protests and debate over police use of force. The tensions grew after two New York City police officers were shot to death last month by a man who suggested in online posts that he was retaliating for the deaths of Michael Brown in Ferguson and Eric Garner in New York. The gunman, who was black, committed suicide.

Six months after Garner died in a white police officer's chokehold, protests and speeches invoking Garner's name provided a

backdrop to King tributes in New York.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio had supported the demonstrations that followed a grand jury's decision not to indict the officer in Garner's death, fracturing his relationship with the city's police unions. Yet he vowed Monday that New York would emerge a more unified city.

"We will move forward as a city. We will move forward to deeper respect for all," de Blasio said at the annual MLK Day event at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, his city's largest tribute. President Barack Obama, America's first black president, sought to focus on

the next generation. In Washington, Obama and his wife Michelle went with one of their daughters, Malia, to a site for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington to paint murals and assemble "literacy kits" of flashcards and books to help youngsters improve their reading and writing skills.

Earlier in Atlanta, actor David Oyelowo said playing King in the film "Selma" was deeply emotional and a heavy burden to bear.

"I felt his pain. I felt his burden. I felt the love he had for his family. I felt the love he still has for you Dr. Bernice King," he said, addressing King's daughter. □



Actor David Oyelowo, who portrays the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in the movie "Selma," prepares to speak during a service honoring King at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King preached, Monday, Jan. 19, 2015, in Atlanta. Also pictured are King's daughter Bernice King, left, and his sister Christine King Farris, right.

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## U.S. shooting trial could provide glimpse into gunman's mind

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Associated Press

**DENVER (AP)** — One of the deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history will be replayed in a courtroom, possibly providing a rare look into the mind of Colorado movie theater shooter James Holmes, one of the few gunmen to survive such attacks.

Holmes' attorneys acknowledge he was the gunman in the July 20, 2012, attack that killed 12 people and injured 70, but say he was in the grip of a psychotic episode at the time. Jury selection begins Tuesday, and an unprecedented jury pool of 9,000 people must be winnowed to a handful to decide whether Holmes was insane when he opened fire during the showing of a new Batman movie.

His survival has sparked an emotionally charged debate in which his parents have begged for a plea deal that would save his life, while many survivors and family members of victims have demanded that he stand trial and face the death penalty if convicted. Many mass shooting suspects are killed by police or commit suicide.

"The public is going to get an insight into the mind of a killer who says he doesn't know right from wrong," said Alan Tuerkheimer, a Chicago-based jury consultant. "It is really rare. It just doesn't usually come to this."

Holmes, 27, had just dropped out of a Ph.D. program in neuroscience at the University of Colorado, Denver, when he

staged the attack. He was arrested as he stripped off his combat gear in the parking lot of the theater in Aurora, a Denver suburb. He later pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to multiple counts of first-degree murder and attempted murder. If jurors find him guilty, they must then decide whether to recommend the death penalty. If Holmes is found not guilty, he would be committed indefinitely to the state mental hospital.

Under Colorado law, defendants are not legally liable for their acts if their minds are so "diseased" that they cannot distinguish right from wrong. Part of the reason the case has dragged on so long is the battle over whether that standard applies to Holmes.

Few details on those arguments have been made public. Prosecutors and defense attorneys remain under a long-running gag order, and court documents detailing the issue have stayed under seal.

Holmes' sanity was evaluated by a state psychiatrist but the results were not made public. Prosecutors objected to the findings and persuaded a judge to order a second evaluation. Those results were contested by the defense.

Prosecutors previously rejected at least one proposed plea deal made by attorneys for Holmes, criticizing the lawyers for publicizing the offer and calling it a ploy to draw the public and judge into what should be private plea negotiations.



In this July 23, 2012 file photo, James Holmes, who is charged with killing 12 moviegoers and wounding 70 more in a shooting spree in a crowded theatre in Aurora, Colo., in July 2012, sits in Arapahoe County District Court in Centennial, Colo.

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## Wanted U.S. teen agrees to return to home state

GARY FINEOUT

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Florida (AP)

— The drama surrounding two teenage sweethearts on the run from the law ended quietly and unceremoniously in a Florida beach town.

Dalton Hayes, an 18-year-old suspected of committing a string of crimes with his 13-year-old girlfriend, agreed during a quick Monday morning court hearing to return to his home state of Kentucky to face charges.

Hayes and his girlfriend Cheyenne Phillips were arrested late Saturday night in Panama City Beach by the U.S. Marshal's Service and local police after be-



In this January 2015 photo made from surveillance video and released by the Grayson County Sheriff's Office, in Kentucky, 18-year-old Dalton Hayes and 13-year-old Cheyenne Phillips walk into a South Carolina Wal-Mart.

Associated Press

ing found sleeping in a stolen vehicle. The saga of both Hayes and Phillips had attracted national attention after the two sweet-

hearts disappeared and worked their way to the Gulf of Mexico.

The couple allegedly began their run from the law

and their families earlier this month when they vanished from their small hometown in western Kentucky. Authorities believe their travels took them to South Carolina and Georgia before they ended up in Panama City Beach.

Hayes' mother, Tammy Martin, had urged her son and his companion to surrender and "face the consequences."

Authorities said Hayes is expected to be charged with burglary, theft, criminal trespassing and criminal mischief.

Phillips will face charges in juvenile court because she is a minor.

Martin said the couple had been dating for about

three months. She said the girl portrayed herself as being 19, and the family, including Hayes, believed her.

The girl "would go in and write checks, and she would come out with cigarettes and stuff, so I didn't have any reason not to believe she wasn't 19," Martin said.

By the time her son realized she was a mere 13, "he was already done in love with her," Martin said.

When he hit the road, Hayes was running away from trouble back home. He faces burglary and theft charges in his home county, stemming from an arrest late last year, according to court records.

## Drinking water trucked into Montana city after oil spill

MATTHEW BROWN

Associated Press

GLENDIVE, Montana (AP)

Officials said Monday that they were bringing truck-loads of drinking water to the eastern Montana city of Glendive after traces of 50,000 gallons (189,000 liters) of oil that spilled into the Yellowstone River were found in the city's water supply.

State and federal officials said preliminary tests Monday indicated that at least some oil entered the supply for the city of 5,300 people. They stressed they are shipping drinking water as a precaution and do not know yet whether there is any public health threat to

residents. They will perform further tests to determine that.

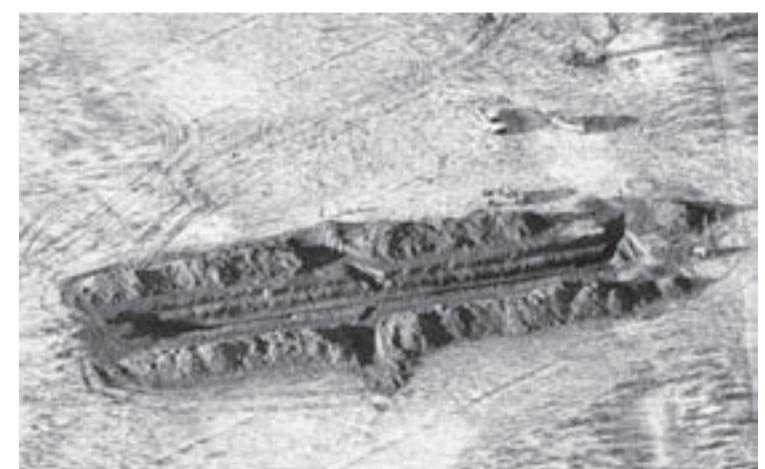
Up to 50,000 gallons (189,000 liters) of oil spilled in the Saturday pipeline accident. Cleanup crews were being hampered by ice that covers most of the river, making it hard to find the oil.

Officials with Bridger Pipeline LLC of Casper, Wyoming, have said the break in the 12-inch (30-centimeter) steel pipe happened Saturday morning in an area about 9 miles (14.5 kilometers) upstream from Glendive, a community in east-central Montana near the North Dakota border. Bridger spokesman Bill Sal-

vin said Monday that the company is confident that no more than 1,200 barrels — or 50,000 gallons — of oil spilled during the hour-long breach.

"Oil has made it into the river," Salvin said. "We do not know how much at this point."

An oil sheen has been seen near Sidney, almost 60 river miles downstream from Glendive, said Paul Peronard, the on-scene coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Booms are being placed in two areas of open water to try and trap oil with another collection site near Crane, which is about 30 miles (50



Crews work to contain an oil spill from Bridger Pipeline's broken pipeline near Glendive, Mont. in this aerial view on Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

Associated Press

kilometers) downstream from the spill site.

But locating the rest of the oil could prove to be difficult because some of it is trapped under the ice that covers much of the river.

"We really can't see it, so we're going to have to hunt and peck through

ice to get it out," Peronard said.

Bridger Pipeline crews were still working Monday to determine exactly where the breach occurred.

If it happened on the bank, some of the oil may be trapped in the soil near the river.

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In this Dec. 22, 2014 photo, a street child opens the lid of a glue-tin at a roadside garbage dump in Hlaing Tharyar, northwest of Yangon, Myanmar.

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## Myanmar street kids turn to sniffing glue to forget hunger

AYE AYE WIN

Associated Press

**HLAING THAR YAR, Myanmar (AP)** — Sweaty hair matted to his pale, emaciated face, Thant Zin Oo starts his days early, winding through small alleyways outside Myanmar's biggest city Yangon and scavenging through garbage piled up behind shops and factories in search of something — anything — to sell.

Tucked under the 11-year-old's filthy, tattered shirt is a half-empty yellow glue tin. "It gives me a sense of peace," he says, taking a break so he can draw the strong, noxious fumes into his young lungs. "I forget my hunger for a moment and dream of things that I cannot do in my real life." Myanmar's long-time military rulers handed over power to a nominally civilian government three years ago, leading to the lifting of Western sanctions and a burst of economic activity.

More than 500 foreign businesses have invested \$50 billion. But as poor families move from rural areas to the big city in hopes of finding work, many find them-

selves struggling.

Without education or money to buy food — their families often squatting on land illegally seized by gangs — children are most vulnerable.

Many are left to fend for themselves, easily influenced by the bad habits of other street kids, from prostitution and gambling to drug abuse and gang-style extortion, said Aung Kyaw Myint, local leader of an organization that provides help for homeless kids. Every morning before sunrise, a growing number of street kids can be seen picking through garbage, climbing on the heaps of trash at city dumps, or sleeping on the sidewalk. Rain or shine, Oo and his 15-year-old brother Ko Min are among them.

The boys say they earn \$2 to \$3 a day — around half of which goes to their parents and the other half to a small tin of glue they share between themselves. Oo no longer imagines he will one day be a doctor. And Ko Min says even his more modest goal, being a soldier, now seems totally unrealistic. □

## World peace? Try Mideast drama at Miss Universe pageant



In this Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015 file photo, Miss Lebanon, Saly Greige, poses for photos after she painted on a wall in Miami's Wynwood area. In this Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015 file photo, Miss Israel, Doron Matalon, poses for photos after she painted her country's name on a wall in Miami's Wynwood area.

Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Explosive confrontations are nothing new for Israel and Lebanon, but the latest spat between the longtime foes is perhaps the first to have been caused by an alleged photo-bomb.

A seemingly innocuous selfie at the Miss Universe pageant in Miami has sparked criticism in Lebanon because it featured a smiling Miss Lebanon alongside Miss Israel. The Israeli beauty queen, Doron Matalon, posted a picture of herself with colleagues from Japan, Slovenia and Lebanon on her Instagram account. The result? A formal Lebanese investigation into the scandal.

Lebanese Tourism Minister Michel Pharon told The Associated Press that "if there was bad intentions" from Saly Greige, measures could be taken against her. In her defense, Miss Lebanon says she was



photo-bombed. Matalon said the joint photo was genuine and was saddened that Greige was under fire at home.

"I hope for change and I hope for peace between us, and even just for three weeks, just between me and her," she told NBC News. "We need to remember that we represent the country and the people, not the government and not the political issues." Under fire from critics an-

gered by her fraternizing with the enemy, Greige took to Facebook to defend herself.

"The truth behind the photo: Since the first day of my arrival to participate in Miss Universe, I was very cautious to avoid being in any photo or communication with Miss Israel (that tried several times to have a photo with me)," she wrote. "Suddenly Miss Israel jumped in, took a selfie, and put it on her social media." □

## Indonesia: Diplomatic appeals won't stop drug executions

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

— Indonesia is sticking to its policy of executing drug offenders, including foreigners, and an official said Monday that the withdrawal of the Dutch and Brazil ambassadors will not disturb its diplomatic ties with those countries.

Jakarta brushed aside appeals by foreign leaders and executed six convicted drug traffickers over the weekend. One was an Indonesian woman and five were foreigners — men from Brazil, Malawi, Nigeria and the Netherlands and a Vietnamese woman.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Armanatha Nasir said the Dutch and Brazil government have recalled their ambassadors for consultation, which he called a normal right of every nation.

"Indonesia should not fear in upholding the law," Nasir said.

He repeated that Indonesia has been in a state of "drug emergency."

President Joko Widodo, who rejected clemency requests for all six convicts in December, refused a



Ambulances carrying the body of drug convicts Dutch national Ang Kiem Soe, front, and Brazilian national Marco Moreira leave upon arrival from Nusakambangan island where their executions were held, at Wijayapura port in Cilacap, Central Java, Indonesia, Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015.

Associated Press

last-minute appeal by Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and the Dutch government to spare their countrymen — Brazilian Marco Archer Cardoso Moreira, 53, and Ang Kiem Soe, 52, of the Netherlands.

Brazil's Foreign Minister Maurio Vieira said that the executions "create a stain,

a shadow in the bilateral relationship."

Dutch Foreign Minister Bert Koenders said the execution was "an unaccept-

able denial of human dignity and integrity."

The Nigerian government also protested that the execution took place "against

the grain" of its excellent bilateral relations.

Coordinator Minister for Political, Law and Security Tedjo Edhy was confident that executions would not disturb diplomatic relations, adding that executions of Indonesians abroad had no impact on diplomatic ties.

Edhy guaranteed that Indonesia would not discriminate in imposing the death penalty. "The president has insisted that this is the decision of the state and therefore the origin countries of the convicts, including those being executed, have to respect and honor our law," Edhy said.

Indonesia, a sprawling archipelago nation of 250 million people, has extremely strict drug laws and often executes smugglers. More than 138 people are on death row, mostly for drug crimes. About a third of them are foreigners.

## Suspected U.S. drone strike kills 4 militants in Pakistan

ASIF SHAHZAD

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A suspected U.S. drone strike killed four militants Monday near Pakistan's northwestern border with Afghanistan while three security troops and seven militants were killed in a clash in another tribal region near the border, officials said.

Two missiles fired from the drone targeted a militant hideout in the Shawal area of Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region, officials said. They did not elaborate.

The two Pakistani officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Their account could not be independently verified as journalists are not allowed to work in tribal areas. American officials do not discuss the strikes, which anger many Pakistanis over civilian casualties, as well as claims that they violate Pakistan's territorial sovereignty.

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The tribal region is home to both local and al-Qaida-linked foreign militants, including Afghan insurgents who focus on attacking American and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

The Pakistani army launched a major offensive in North Waziristan in mid-June. On Dec. 16, local Taliban militants responded by killing 150 people at an army-run school in Peshawar, 134 of them children.

Pakistan's civilian and military leadership has promised since the school attack to take on all militants. Pakistan has been accused in the past of tolerating certain militant groups as proxies against neighboring Afghanistan and India.

Also on Monday, two para-military troops and one army officer were killed in a clash with militants during a search operation in the northwest of the country, said Suhail Khan, a senior government official in the area.



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## Kenya: Police tear-gas school kids in demo over playground

**TOM ODULA**

Associated Press

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) —**

Kenyan police Monday tear-gassed schoolchildren demonstrating against the removal of their school's playground, which has been allegedly grabbed by a powerful politician, said a Kenyan human rights activist.

The students from Langata Road Primary School were in the front line of people pulling down a wall erected around the playground which has been acquired by a private developer said to be a powerful politician, said Boniface Mwangi. Primary school children in Kenya are usually between six and 14 years of age.

"The governor, the senator and other government officials are all scared of the politician, they cannot do anything to stop the playground from the being taken," Mwangi said. Television footage showed children, some being car-



Kenyan school pupils hold up a placard brought by activists during a protest against the removal of their school's playground, at the Langata Road Primary School, in Nairobi, Kenya Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

ried away, writhing in pain, screaming and choking because of the tear-gas. Police officers later brought dogs to the playground.

Acting police chief Samuel Arachi said he

had suspended the police officer who was in charge at the scene of the protest.

In such an incident tear gas is not used because the protests were not violent, Arachi said. He

said five people have been arrested; three for vandalism and two for incitement.

"We will never allow officers to use force not only on any citizen more so on children whether

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in a demonstration or otherwise," he said.

Elijah Mwangi, who was in charge of the police officers at the school, said he was following orders.

Opposition politician Eliud Owalo said last week that the playground had been grabbed to construct a parking lot for the politician's hotel adjacent to the school.

"This is brutality beyond words and greed beyond description. It is difficult to believe that police can actually deploy against primary school children and lob tear gas at them to defend a land grabber. This image of a nation determined to steal forcefully from its own children cannot be what we aspire to. It cannot be the legacy we want to bequeath the children," said opposition leader Raila Odinga.

Allegations of land seizures by Kenyan officials has become a controversial issue in the country. □



In this Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 photo, the remains of burnt and ransacked huts still smolder in a village following a clash between two communities in a village, nearly 105 kilometers (65 miles) north of Patna, the Indian capital of Bihar state.

Associated Press

**PATNA, India (AP) —** At least four Muslim villagers were killed, three of them

burned to death, when their thatched huts were set on fire during a clash

## 4 Muslims killed in Hindu-Muslim clash in northern India

between Hindu and Muslim groups in eastern India, a government official said.

Police had arrested 14 people Monday on charges of arson and murder, said Ranjit K. Mishra, a local superintendent of police.

Security has been tightened in and around Sarayan village in Bihar state with some 500 police officers assigned to the area. Atul Prasad, a Bihar state administrator, said the violence erupted Sunday

after the body of a young Hindu boy was found in Sarayan more than a week after he went missing. Prasad said Hindu fishermen blamed Muslims for killing the boy who was friendly with a Muslim girl from the village, 105 kilometers (65 miles) north of Patna, the capital of Bihar. The charred bodies of three Muslims were found in the burned huts in the poor community, he said.

The bullet-riddled body of a fourth man was found in a field in the village, Mishra said.

Prasad said the situation remains tense but under control in the village.

Hindus make up more than 80 percent and Muslims nearly 13 percent of India's 1.2 billion people. They largely live peacefully in various parts of the country, but there is occasional violence.

Last year, around 50 people died in clashes between Hindus and Muslim in Muzaffarnagar town in neighboring Uttar Pradesh state. □

## Officials: No sign of others in Argentine prosecutor death

ALMUDENA CALATRAVA

PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina's government said Monday there was no indication that anybody else was involved in the death of a prosecutor who had accused President Cristina Fernandez of shielding Iranian suspects in the nation's deadliest terror attack, a declaration sure to be closely scrutinized.

Alberto Nisman, who had been investigating the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires that killed 85 people, was found in the bathroom of his apartment late Sunday, hours before he was to testify in a Congressional hearing about the case.

Investigating prosecutor Viviana Fein said the preliminary autopsy found "no intervention" of others in Nisman's death. However, Fein said she would not rule out the possibility that Nisman was "induced" to suicide because the gun was not his.

"The firearm belonged to a collaborator of Nisman," Fein told Todo Noticias television channel. "He had had it a long time."

According to the autopsy, Nisman had a bullet entry-wound on the right side of his head but there was no exit wound. His body was found inside the bathroom and blocking the door, which was locked from the inside and didn't appear to be forced, Fein said. There were no outward signs of a robbery.

The findings left more questions than answers about the death, which came only five days after Nisman accused Fernandez and other officials of reaching a deal with Iran that shielded some officials from possible punishment for the attack. Nisman was heavily guarded by police because he had received threats. Late Sunday, the agents protecting him alerted their superiors that he wasn't answering phone calls, according to the Security Ministry statement. When Nisman's mother wasn't able



*In this May 29, 2013, file photo, Alberto Nisman, the prosecutor investigating the 1994 bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association community center, talks to journalists in Buenos Aires, Argentina.*

Associated Press

to open the door, a locksmith was called to open it, the ministry said. A .22 caliber handgun and a shell casing were found next to Nisman's body.

Monday afternoon, the presidency ordered the declassification of the names of the agents that Nisman had demanded as part of his probe, apparently an attempt by the administration to show transparency and avoid any accusations

Congresswoman Cornelia Schmidt-Liermann, interviewed before the preliminary autopsy finding, said she had planned to pick Nisman up Monday at his residence and accompany him for his testimony.

"Everybody who had contact with him the last 24 hours says he was confident" about his testimony, she told The Associated Press. "There is no indication, under any circum-

continue. Schmidt-Liermann and others who knew Nisman said he lived under constant threats on his life from Iranian agents and pressure from the Argentine government.

Joseph Humire, executive director of the Center for Secure and Free Society, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, said he was to testify with Nisman on a U.S. Congressional subcommittee in July 2013 but Nisman pulled out at the last minute.

"He pulled out because of threats from the Argentine government" that he would be fired if he testified, said Humire.

Nisman lived in Le Parc tower, a complex of luxury condos in the trendy Puerto Madero neighborhood of Buenos Aires. Reporters and others gathered outside Monday were not allowed to enter, the norm in such exclusive complexes, where many residents come and go via underground parking garages.

Nisman was appointed 10 years ago by Fernandez's late husband, then-President Nestor Kirchner, to revive a floundering investigation into the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association in Buenos Aires. A small white van with several hundred pounds of ex-



*People holding a sign that reads in Spanish "We are all Nisman," protest the death of special prosecutor Alberto Nisman, outside Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.*

Associated Press

of wrongdoing.

In a letter on her official website, Fernandez lamented Nisman's death, saying it generated "stupor and questions." She initially used the word "suicide" in connection with his death but later put a question mark next to the word.

stances, that he killed himself."

Schmidt-Liermann said Congress met Monday afternoon despite Nisman's absence, and many members signed a declaration urging a full investigation into Nisman's death and insisting that the investigation

plotters detonated in front of the seven-story building, causing it to collapse in the densely populated area of town.

Argentina has one of the largest concentrations of Jews outside of Israel, with estimates ranging around 200,000, mostly in Buenos Aires.

After years of inconclusive investigations and failed trials, an Argentine judge in 2006 accepted Nisman's request to order the arrest of a former Iranian president, foreign minister and other officials. Interpol later put most of them on its most-wanted list.

But Argentina and Iran reached agreement in 2013 to jointly investigate the attack, a move viewed with skepticism by Jewish leaders who feared it would undermine Nisman's probe.

Last week, Nisman accused Fernandez and other senior Argentine officials of agreeing not to punish at least two former Iranian officials in the case. He asked a judge to call Fernandez and others, including Foreign Minister Hector Timerman, for questioning. "The president and her foreign minister took the criminal decision to fabricate Iran's innocence to save Argentina's commercial, political and geopolitical interests," Nisman said last week.

On Monday, Timerman said he was sorry to hear of Nisman's death.

"What can I say?" he said from New York. "I'm simply saddened by the death of a person I knew and I hope that the cause of his death can be quickly determined."

A federal judge had begun the process of deciding whether to hear the complaint and whether anyone should be summoned for questioning. Administration officials have called the prosecutor's allegations ludicrous.

Fernandez's administration's popularity has waned amid rising inflation and other economic ills and Nisman's death could further cloud her last year in office.

# LOCAL Aruba TODAY

## Kitchen Table by White: Fresh, Authentic Island Flavors

**PALM BEACH** - Island gourmands and vacationers who appreciate fine dining are buzzing about the unique experience of Kitchen Table by White, which opened in Blue Residences this summer. Helmed by Chef Urvin Croes, founder of White Modern Cuisine, Kitchen Table boasts that same attention to detail that made his first venture such a success, along with a vibrant, passionate staff dedicated to the concept of elevating traditional Aruban and Caribbean dishes to the realm of haute cuisine.

"Aruba has more than



its share of French/Italian/fast food restaurants and steakhouses," observes Chef Urvin, "but I honestly believe that island visitors are looking for a distinctive experience, not something they can have at home any

time. During their stay, they wish to savor the authentic flavors of the region, and we have sought out fresh, locally grown ingredients and interpreted traditional island dishes in a manner to surprise and please the most finicky critic."

Urvin and his team are all graduates of Aruba's highly-respected EPI Culinary Institute. He continued his studies at the ROC Gildewaart College, Nieuwegein, then apprenticed at the Brasserie Goeie Luisa, advancing to become

their Chef de Partie. Urvin further developed his culinary skills during five years at the famed Michelin 5\* rated Grand Restaurant Karel V, perfectly his art be-



fore returning to Aruba to open his own eatery. Second in command, Sous Chef Ludovico Henriquez, and the Kitchen Table staff, consisting of Claude Werleman, Moises Ramirez and Jefferson Ramirez,

are equally passionate about the concept of food as art. Watching them create the spectacular dishes in the elegant but cozy surroundings is a great part of the evening's entertainment.

The multi-course meal is a feast for the eyes as well as the tastebuds; the inventive uses of just-picked regional flowers and herbs such as frangipani, moringa, mata di seda and koko robona are explained, so diners can truly comprehend the careful thought and preparation that goes into each dish.

Rounding out the Kitchen Table culinary team is Restaurant Manager and Wine Sommelier Carlito Castillo,

who thoroughly enjoys sharing his love of fine vintages and has a deft touch at pairing them to perfection. His enthusiasm for the delicate art of enhancing the flavors of both the wine and food with an ideal match is as infectious as his ready smile and congenial charm.

He spent ten years in the kitchens of the Royal Caribbean cruise lines, where as a novice to the food service industry he discovered their wine cellars.

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## *Alhydran* through the eyes of a professional

Rina Rijkenberg is a certified skin therapist in Oosterbeek, the Netherlands. As a specialist, she has different skin products to choose from, but *Alhydran* is her #1 solution. Rina: "A lot of complaints are that the skin feels dry, itchy, red, sensitive, and painful, which are symptoms frequently associated with burn victims, lymph edema patients, and people who have undergone radiation therapy or have general scar tissue, acne, or excessive hair. All this can be caused by a deregulation in the moisture levels of the skin. The secret to *Alhydran* is that it regulates the moisture levels of the skin continuously in an unprecedented way. A very high dosage of pure Aloe Vera gel delivers the hydration, and pure Vitamin C, Vitamin E, and Jojoba oil prolong the activity. Patients can actually see and feel their skin healing."

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- Aruba Aloe Cruise Terminal (APA Cruise Terminal)

- Aruba Aloe Divi Links (Divi Aruba Hotel)
- Aruba Aloe Tamarijn (Tamarijn Aruba Hotel)
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## Aruba Aloe Celebrates the New Year with a New Store

**Hato**—With the New Year under way, Aruba Aloe isn't skipping a beat as it announces the opening of a new store.

On January 8, Aruba Aloe will open its newest store on the island at Renaissance Market Place in Oranjestad. According to Aruba Aloe's managing director Joshua Posner, "Our goal is to make it as convenient as possible for our customers to buy their favorite products and discover new ones. We are excited to open at Renaissance Market Place because of the heavy traffic of both locals and tourists."

Visitors to the new store will enjoy Aruba Aloe's wide selection of body and sun care products made from 100% pure Aloe Vera from Aruba. Special collections make use of



the finest herbal extracts and aromatherapeutic essential oils.

The classic formulas that have become so popular will of course be available, in addition to new and exciting products. Visitors will also enjoy the store's refreshing ambiance and the excellent customer service Aruba Aloe has become known for.

The Market Place store is Aruba Aloe's 16th location. Its opening follows closely on the heels of the company's previous store opening on Mainstreet in downtown Oranjestad. These latest store additions reflect Aruba Aloe's strong retail presence on the island as well as its unwavering commitment to client convenience.



The company cordially invites locals and tourists to visit its new store at Renaissance Market Place and receive a FREE GIFT if you mention the promotion code "OPEN" to celebrate its grand opening. This special offer will be valid until Monday, the 2nd of

February, and only at the Renaissance Market Place store. So don't miss out! As always,

the company also welcomes visitors to its factory in Hato for the unique opportunity to see how its products are made firsthand. □

# SPORTS



## Aruba TODAY



## New baseball tournament for top 12 national teams announced

**TOKYO (AP) —** In a boost for baseball's bid for inclusion in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Japan will co-host a new international baseball tournament this year.

The launch of the World Baseball Softball Confederation's Premier 12 tournament was announced in Tokyo on Monday by the leaders of the WBSC and Nippon Professional Baseball.

The tournament will feature the men's top-12 ranked national teams and will be played in Japan and Taiwan from Nov. 8-21.

Organizers called it a "new flagship professional baseball world championship."

ball world championship. The opening round-robin stage and quarterfinals will be played in Taiwan. The "grand opening," semifinals, bronze medal game and gold medal championship will be played at the Tokyo Dome.

The full schedule and groups will be released later. The tournament is a new version of the Baseball World Cup, which didn't include top major leaguers and was discontinued after 2011.

It is separate from the World Baseball Classic, which is co-owned by Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association. The next classic is scheduled for 2017. WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari said the new tournament is part of "the emergence of a new world order in baseball and softball." Baseball and softball were removed from the Olympics after the 2008 Beijing Games but are hoping to be added to the program in Tokyo.

# SUPER-G...reat!



Lindsey Vonn waves after winning an alpine ski, women's World Cup downhill in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015. Associated Press

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## Returning Nadal regains some confidence at Australian Open

JOHN PYE

AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— If Rafael Nadal needed any reminding of how long it has been since he won the Australian Open, he only needed to look at the "09" on the back of his left shoe.

After spending most of the last six months on the sidelines in an extended injury layoff, and after a first-round loss in a warm-up tournament, the 14-time Grand Slam winner said he was low on confidence coming into the first major of the year.

The Spaniard remedied that, for a while at least, with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 win over Russian veteran Mikhail Youzhny on day one of the Australian Open, where he won the title in 2009 and lost in the finals in 2012 and last year. Nadal hit 37 winners, and got his skipping, double fist-pumping celebration going during the third set.

"Very positive result for me. I think very good start," he said. "Always before the first match you always have the doubts, especially in this situation I'm arriving here. Never easy, but it was an important match for me ... a comfortable victory that give me some confidence."

The Australian Open is the only major Nadal hasn't won at least twice, and he has long wanted another triumph in Melbourne to complete a second full career Grand Slam.

He has come close, losing to Novak Djokovic in a 5-hour, 53-minute epic final in 2012 and to Stan Wawrinka last year.

A right wrist injury and an appendix operation that limited Nadal to seven matches after Wimbledon have taught him the benefits of patience.

And a Jan. 5 loss to Michael Berrer in Doha helps keep him grounded.

"When that happens after a tough period of injuries you arrive here with doubts," he said. "This first match was tough mentally for me."

"Today is very hard to



Rafael Nadal of Spain serves to Mikhail Youzhny of Russia during their first round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

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speak about having (title) chances. I have one match. That's better than two days ago, but I need more to feel that I am ready for something very important here. It's the moment to really give to this victory the right value."

Roger Federer began his quest for an 18th major title, and his first in Australia since 2010, by beating Lu Yen-hsun of Taiwan 6-4, 6-2, 7-5 in a night match, and three-time Australian Open finalist Andy Murray opened his bid for an elusive Aussie title with a 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3) win over Indian qualifier Yuki Bhambri.

On a day when eight of the seeded players tumbled out of the women's draw, wins by three of the stronger contenders stood out.

Second-ranked Maria Sharapova followed up her recent title at the Brisbane International with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Petra Martic, No. 3 Simona Halep opened play on Rod Laver Arena with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Karin Knapp and No. 7 Eugenie Bouchard, who reached the semifinals or better at three majors last year, beat Anna-Lena Friedsam 6-2, 6-4.

No. 10 Ekaterina Makaro-



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia chases down a shot to Lucie Hradecka of the Czech Republic during their first round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

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va, No. 14 Sara Errani, No. 21 Peng Shuai and No. 22 Karolina Pliskova also advanced.

Sharapova, the 2008 Australian Open champion, collected her fifth Grand Slam title by winning at the French Open last year and is determined to add more majors.

"It was definitely great to get a title in last week. I don't think I've done that

in my career, winning a title to begin the year," she said. "That was nice. When you come here everything is new and fresh. Of course, it's a nice feeling to have that victory, but you have to start from scratch."

No. 5 Ana Ivanovic, who lost the Brisbane final to Sharapova on Jan. 10, was the highest-ranked of the first-round losers, serving 10 double-faults in a 1-6,

6-3, 6-2 loss to Czech qualifier Lucie Hradecka. No. 9 Angelique Kerber, No. 16 Lucie Safarova, No. 17 Carla Suarez Navarro and No. 27 Svetlana Kuznetsova, a two-time major winner, were also among the seeded players who stumbled on day one.

American Christina McHale was sick on court and saved a match point as she rallied to beat Stephanie Foretz 6-4, 1-6, 12-10.

Only two of the men's seeded players went out. No. 11 Ernests Gulbis wasted four match points before losing in five sets to Thanasi Kokkinakis, an 18-year-old Australian who went around the court high-fiving fans to celebrate. No. 15 Tommy Robredo retired with a groin injury after five games.

No. 7 Tomas Berdych, No. 10 Grigor Dimitrov, and No.

14 Kevin Anderson were among the men who advanced.

Top-ranked Djokovic, a four-time Australian Open champion, was due to open Tuesday against Aljaz Bedene.

Women's No. 1 Serena Williams, who has won five titles at Melbourne Park, had a Tuesday night start against Alison Van Uytvanck. □

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## Masked man: Woods shows up at Vonn's record celebration

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CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy

(AP) — The whole gang was there when Lindsey Vonn finally became the most successful women's World Cup skier of all time. Her mother had come to Europe for the first time. The American's once-estranged father came along, too.

And then a masked man showed up as Vonn celebrated a super-G victory Monday for her record 63rd World Cup win to make the party complete.

Wearing a mask with a skull design, boyfriend Tiger Woods weaved through the crowd unnoticed until he shared an emotional embrace with Vonn, who had no idea that the golfer was jetting to Europe for the occasion.

"No way!" Vonn exclaimed when she spotted him.

"It was an amazing surprise," Vonn said. "I'm so happy that he's here. ...

Everyone important to me is here — my mom and dad and my sister and Tiger — it's pretty incredible. I didn't think it was going to get better than yesterday and today topped it.

"I knew it was him immediately," Vonn added. "He loves that stupid mask."

Vonn broke Annemarie Moser-Proell's 35-year-old record of 62 World Cup wins with a flawless run down the Olympia delle Tofane course, finishing by a huge margin of 0.85 ahead of Anna Fenninger of Austria. It came a day after equaling the record with a downhill win on Sunday.

"It's funny for me to see that he has to wear a mask and hide," Fenninger said of Woods. "He's just a normal human but for us it's a big thing that he's here,



Tiger Woods and Lindsey Vonn, left, exchange a kiss in the finish area of an alpine ski, women's World Cup super-G, in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

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because skiing is not as important like golf in the world."

Tina Weirather of Liechtenstein placed third, 0.92 back.

"It's such a big number," Weirather, the daughter of champion skiers Hanni Wenzel and Harti Weirather, said of Vonn's accomplishment. "I can't even imagine winning so many races. She has done so much for the sport, because she's a real superstar and that makes Alpine skiing more popular in the U.S. and Europe. We need people like that for our sport."

Vonn said Woods watched Sunday's victory at home in Florida, so she couldn't quite fathom how he made it to Europe so quickly.

"I had no idea he was here," Vonn added. "He told everyone to keep it a

secret and I'm surprised. Normally no one can keep a secret in my family. ... He just showed up. ... He has a tournament soon. So he's got a lot of work and I'm surprised that he was able to come all the way over here for a few hours to watch me ski."

Woods did not speak with reporters and did not take part in the victory celebration. Vonn was joined on the podium by teammates, coaches and family members wearing T-shirts that said "63 victories" and "Make History LV63."

Clearly choosing to leave the spotlight on Vonn, Woods watched by himself

from a small white tent protected by police, then was quickly ushered away on a waiting snowmobile.

It was Vonn's first win in super-G this season and

her fourth overall this campaign, showing a return to top form after two right knee injuries kept her out of last year's Sochi Olympics. Woods witnessed one of her injuries, in Val d'Isere, France — the only other time he saw her ski in Europe.

"So this is a totally different scenario and a much better memory that we can have forever," Vonn said. Vonn has won four of the eight races she has entered this season, making her the favorite in the downhill and super-G at next month's world championships in Vail and Beaver Creek, Colorado.

"That's an unbelievable comeback," said U.S. Alpine director Patrick Rimi. "Her confidence is going to be through the roof."

Breathing heavily and grit-

ting her teeth in the start house, Vonn attacked all the way down and increased her lead at every checkpoint. She had a relatively subdued celebration, having said that win No. 62 was more important to her.

"It's really cool to see her skiing exactly how she wants to be skiing," said Julia Mancuso, Vonn's most accomplished teammate. "I'm just happy to be a part of a team where she's able to break records and push the limit. It's super-impressive, especially after such a big injury, I think it means even more."

Moser-Proell, an Austrian great, established her record between 1970 and 1980, while Swedish standout Ingemar Stenmark holds the men's record of 86 wins. □

## Agent: Woods' front tooth knocked out by videographer

**CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy (AP)** — Tiger Woods has another reason not to like cameras — his agent said it cost him a tooth.

Woods made a surprise visit to Italy on Monday to watch girlfriend Lindsey Vonn capture her record 63rd World Cup race. The photo that generated all the buzz was Woods missing his front tooth.

The culprit, according to his agent, was a camera.

"During a crush of photographers as the awards podium at the World Cup event in Italy, a media member with a shoulder-mounted video camera pushed and surged toward the stage, turned and hit Tiger Woods in the mouth," Mark Steinberg of Excel Sports said in an email. "Woods' tooth was knocked out by the incident."

Race organizers said this was not reported to them. They added that Woods did

request extra security and a snowmobile to exit the finish area, and organizers met both requests.

"I was among those who escorted him from the tent to the snowmobile and there was no such incident," Nicola Colli, the secretary general of the race organizing committee, told The Associated Press. "When he arrived he asked for more security and we rounded up police to look after both him and Lindsey."

Woods had been wearing a scarf with a skeleton pattern over the lower part of his face, sunglasses and a stocking cap. The photo was taken when the scarf was lowered.

Woods first showed up in the athletes' area when Vonn's father, Alan Kildow, escorted him in shortly after Vonn took the lead. The golfer then surprised Vonn and gave the skier a hug.

After 10 to 15 minutes of

standing near Vonn with her family, Woods was shown into a white tent usually reserved for measuring skis. He stayed there for nearly an hour while the last lower-ranked skiers came down and during the podium celebration. After the podium celebration, Woods was accompanied by police to a snowmobile and taken away.

Steinberg was traveling and did not say when Woods would have the tooth replaced. Golf's biggest — and most photographed — star returns to competition next week in the Phoenix Open, and his smile is sure to produce a stream of shutters from the cameras. Woods has a long history with cameras, often frustrated when shutters go off in the middle of his swing. One notable episode came during the Skins Game in 2002 when a corporate photographer clicked his camera as



Tiger Woods walks in the finish area of an alpine ski, women's World Cup super-G, in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

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Woods was hitting a shot from the bunker on the final hole. His former caddie, Steve Williams, took the camera and set it on a steep bank of a pond so that it tumbled into the water.

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## NHL Capsules

# Zetterberg's hat trick lifts Detroit to 6-4 win over Sabres



New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist (30) blocks a shot during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015.

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**DETROIT (AP)** — Henrik Zetterberg scored three goals in the third period to cap an impressive Detroit comeback as the Red Wings completed a 6-4 victory over Buffalo on Sunday — the Sabres' 11th consecutive loss.

It was the sixth career hat trick for the Detroit captain, and it came after the Red Wings wiped out an early three-goal deficit against the struggling Sabres. All 11 of Buffalo's defeats during this skid have been in regulation. The last time a team lost 11 in a row, all in regulation, was when Pittsburgh dropped 13 straight from Jan. 13-Feb. 12, 2004,

according to STATS.

Tyler Ennis scored twice for the Sabres.

**RANGERS 5, PENGUINS 2**  
**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Rick Nash scored twice as the Rangers downed the Penguins.

Derek Stepan also scored twice for the surging Rangers and Derick Brassard had a goal and an assist as New York improved to 15-3 over its past 18 games.

Henrik Lundqvist made 32 saves for the Rangers, who needed 26 seconds to jump in front and cruise. Sidney Crosby scored his 15th goal of the season and David Perron added his fifth since coming over from Edmonton two weeks ago. Marc-Andre Fleury stopped just 13 of the 17 shots he faced before being pulled early in the second period.

#### STARS 6, BLACKHAWKS 3

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Cody Eakin, Erik Cole and Shawn Horcoff scored in the third period to lead the Stars to a victory over the slumping Blackhawks.

Eakin also had a short-handed goal in the first as Dallas won for the third

time in four games.

Tyler Seguin had a goal and an assist for Dallas. Seguin is tied with Rangers star Rick Nash for the NHL lead with 28 goals.

Chicago dropped consecutive games for the first time since Nov. 1-2.

Brandon Saad scored two goals for Chicago, which had a 41-33 advantage in shots.

#### JETS 4, COYOTES 3, SO

**WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)** — Bryan Little scored the only goal of the shootout after finding the net in regulation as the Jets beat Arizona for its fourth straight win.

Michael Frolik and Dustin Byfuglien also scored for the Jets (25-14-8), who wasted a late two-goal. Winnipeg has earned points in its last six games dating to Jan. 10. Lauri Korpikoski and Tobias Rieder scored for the Coyotes (16-24-5) to force overtime.

Oliver Ekman-Larsson also scored for Arizona and Shane Doan had two assists.

Ondrej Pavelec made 28 saves and for the Jets. Mike Smith stopped 27 shots for the Coyotes.

## Baseball

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Under the IOC's "Olympic Agenda 2020" reforms approved in December, host cities are allowed to propose the inclusion of one or more additional events for their games. Because of their popularity in Japan, baseball and softball are considered to have the best chance of being added.



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# Peyton Manning to miss Pro Bowl with thigh injury

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(AP) — As Peyton Manning ponders his future, he's concluded one thing: He won't play in the Pro Bowl next weekend in Glendale, Arizona.

Manning said his right thigh injury hasn't gotten much better in the week since the Denver Broncos were bounced from the playoffs by Indianapolis.

The five-time NFL MVP extended his QB record with his 14th Pro Bowl selection this season, tying center Bruce Matthews and tight end Tony Gonzalez for the most in NFL history.

Manning calls it "a great honor" to be selected to the game and he's "always taken the obligation to play in it very seriously."

"I've believed that, if healthy, it's a player's responsibility to play in the game because of what it means to be voted in by your peers and the fans," Manning said.

"I'm disappointed that I'm just not healthy enough this year to be part of it. It's going to be tough not being down there with the other guys, but it hasn't had



Indianapolis Colts linebacker Jonathan Newsome, left, reaches in to force Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning fumble during the first half of an NFL divisional playoff football game, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in Denver.

Associated Press

enough time to heal."

The NFL was informed of Manning's decision Sunday. Detroit's Matthew Stafford was added to the Pro Bowl to replace him. Manning was injured late in the first half of a 22-10 win at San Diego on Dec. 14 and missed a handful of snaps to get treatment just before halftime. He re-

turned to play the entire second half and didn't miss any more time with the injury.

It clearly affected his play, however, culminating with eight overthrows in Denver's 24-13 loss to the Colts last weekend.

He also had an incompletion into tight coverage on a third-and-5 play in which

he bypassed the run even though he had a 20-yard gap between him and any defender.

Manning blamed the thigh injury on dehydration from a nasty flu bug the night before the game.

This is the first time Manning is skipping the league's annual all-star game for a reason other than prepar-

ing for an upcoming Super Bowl. He missed it in 2010 with the Colts and again in 2014 with the Broncos. He played in the 2007 all-star game a week after winning his only Super Bowl title.

Manning finished second in the league this year with 39 touchdown passes and was in the top-5 with 4,727 passing yards and a 101.5 passer rating.

But he faded down the stretch when he was bothered by both the thigh injury and opponents clogging underneath crossing routes.

Manning was one of a league-high 10 Broncos named to the Pro Bowl, five on each side of the ball. With such a star-studded roster, the Broncos had a "Super Bowl or bust" mentality as they sought to return to the title game and atone for last year's 35-point loss to the Seahawks.

Their flat performance in losing 24-13 to the Colts last weekend rocked the organization and led to a split with coach John Fox, who was hired Friday as Marc Trestman's replacement in Chicago. □

## Kaymer's collapse lets in Stal to win Abu Dhabi Championship

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ABU DHABI, United Arab

Emirates (AP) — Renowned as one of golf's best front-runners, double major winner Martin Kaymer stood on the sixth tee at the Abu Dhabi Championship holding a 10-shot lead in the final round and with records in his sights.

Then came one of the biggest turnarounds the sport has seen.

Within 90 minutes, the normally unflappable Kaymer dropped six shots in eight holes and got swallowed up by Gary Stal as the No. 357-ranked Frenchman mounted an improbable surge to win his first European Tour title on Sunday.

"A little shocked, surprised,"

said Kaymer, his brow furrowed. "I don't know how to put it into words."

The 22-year-old Stal was in a state of shock, too, after shooting a 7-under 65 for a one-shot victory over top-ranked Rory McIlroy — one of his idols. Kaymer was a stroke further back in third after a 75.

Stal had teed off at Abu Dhabi Golf Club that morning with a deficit of eight shots to Kaymer and with only second place on his mind. Indeed, Kaymer, a three-time winner of the event, started the final round protecting a six-shot lead and even McIlroy had said the German was "playing in his own tournament."

Three birdies in his first four

holes helped stretch the lead to 10 shots. At 23 under, Kaymer was one stroke off his record under-par score around the National Course.

"When I saw the leaderboard on the fifth hole, I thought it's not possible to win," said Stal, who had an overall 19-under 269.

Kaymer's round started to unravel at No. 6 when he made his first bogey since Thursday — a run of 47 holes. He then had a double bogey at No. 9 after being forced to take a drop when his drive landed under a bush.

The lead Kaymer had held since the first round was wiped out for good when another drive wound up at the base of a bush on No.



Gary Stal of France, center, receives the trophy from Sheikh Nahyan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, chairman of the Abu Dhabi Sports Council, left, and Mohammad Al-Tuwaijri, chief executive of HSBC Middle East and North Africa, after Stal wins the HSBC Golf Championship in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015.

Associated Press

13. A drop gave him a poor lie in the sandy wasteland and after chipping out into the fairway, he scuffed his approach shot 10 yards short of the green. He two-putted for a triple bogey

and Stal was in front for the first time.

"I do miss fairways, but usually you get away with it OK. You don't make double or triple bogey," Kaymer said. □

## Snowplow tracking apps hold cities accountable for cleanup

By JASON KEYSER  
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**CHICAGO (AP)** -- As another storm flung snow at Chicago, Alexandra Clark wondered how she'd get to work. Like an increasing number of snowbound city dwellers, she had a ready tool at hand: an app that tracks hundreds of city snowplows in close to real time.

But something seemed out of whack.

"Plow tracker said my street was plowed an hour ago - Pull the other leg," the 31-year-old video producer tweeted to the mayor's office, including a photo of her snowed-in street.

Across the country, local leaders have made plow-tracking data public in free mobile apps, turning citizens into snow watchdogs and giving them a place to look for answers instead of clogging phone lines at city call centers to fume. Chicago and New York introduced apps in early 2012, and Seattle has gotten into the game, as have some places in Maryland and Virginia. Boston briefly experimented, too, though their site was so popular it crashed during a February 2013 storm, hampering the response effort. The city hasn't made another attempt.

The apps tap into GPS data already collected by the city to direct plows, so no extra money is spent in the creation. It's a politically deft move by cities where bungled storm responses have cost officials their jobs, and a way to show skeptics that plow drivers are working hard - and not just clearing the streets of the wealthy and well-connected.

But in New York and Chicago, in particular, the tech savvy have scrutinized the sites. Armed with the ultimate proof - the cities' own data - they've needledd public officials about snow-cleanup shortfalls on so-



In this Dec. 19, 2014 photo, Alexandra Clark, displays the City of Chicago snowplow tracker app on her iPod in front of her car in Chicago. In

cial media.

"It puts a lot of pressure on everybody involved to be more responsible and to be more accountable," said Priscilla Dixon, a Chicago lawyer who has used the app and is a believer in engaging the city via social media.

Clark remembers peering out the window of her Wicker Park apartment on the city's West Side in a January 2014 storm. A pair of heavy truck tire tracks suggested a GPS-equipped plow might indeed have passed, but with the blade up.

"No joke, the next week when it snowed overnight, a plow had come through and taken off the side mirror of my car," the Redondo Beach, California-native recalled with a laugh. "It's probably coincidence but after that I really didn't tweet much to the City of Chicago anymore."

Mayors in Chicago and other cities where snow is frozen into local lore know that storms can doom political careers. A botched response to a

1979 blizzard in Chicago is said to have cost then-Mayor Michael Bilandic re-election.

More recently, a 2011 blizzard entombed cars and buses and stranded hundreds of people for 12 hours overnight on Chicago's Lake Shore Drive, and a December 2010 blizzard did much the same in New York City. Those debacles prompted both cities to create plow trackers. Then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg talked of wanting to fix the disconnect between what NYC officials were saying and what people were seeing.

In the lead-up to one of the first storms this year, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel exuded confidence.

"We're going to bring all of the assets and strengths of the city to bear to make sure that people are safe, secure and that our streets are safe, plowed and passable," he told reporters on Jan. 5.

The app drew more than 2,500 visitors in the hours that followed, De-

partment of Streets and Sanitation spokeswoman Molly Poppe said.

The city is not bothered by the extra scrutiny, says Poppe, who engages residents via the department's Twitter account. A typical exchange involves her explaining that blowing snow can make a freshly plowed

street look like it's been skipped. Last February, residents in the Albany Park neighborhood on Chicago's Northwest Side contend that their block had not been cleared all season, forcing them to attack the street themselves with shovels and snowblowers.

The app seemed to back them up, but Poppe pointed out that narrow streets require smaller plows, which last year were not feeding tracking data. In any case, the story appeared on a local TV newscast, and the next day, the snow was gone.

Web developer Derek Eder has crunched three years' worth of plow data with his own app, ClearStreets, and is convinced Chicago generally deploys plows fairly throughout the city. But that hasn't dispelled all suspicion to the contrary.

"If you're an alderman or mayor, you're going to get your streets plowed first," said insurance lawyer Tom Manning, who lives in Bloomington, Illinois, but has checked the app before two-hour drives to Chicago. "That's just the way it's been for many, many years." □

## Dubai team creates virtual online tour of the Gulf boomtown

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — Armchair travelers can now take a virtual tour of Dubai skyscraper rooftops, glitzy hotel interiors and other sights in the Middle East's brashest city on their laptops or tablets.

Developers in the Gulf commercial hub launched a new website Monday that offers users an interactive virtual tour of dozens of landmarks in the desert metropolis, including the man-made

Palm Jumeirah island and the view from the top of the world's tallest tower, the Burj Khalifa. The Dubai360 site took 18 months to put together and was supported by the emirate's government. The team behind it says it includes nearly 1,300 pieces of panoramic video and photos.

They plan to keep updating the site as the fast-growing city continues to expand. □

## Euro currency's missing pieces challenge policymakers

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— Europe's struggle with economic stagnation is raising questions about whether its prized project — the shared euro currency — can bounce back or even just survive.

Fundamental gaps left at the euro's creation in 1999 are haunting its policymakers. The euro's missing pieces have come into sharper focus as the European Central Bank prepares to decide Thursday whether more monetary stimulus is needed to ward off crippling deflation and as Greece faces a Sunday election that could conceivably lead to its leaving the 19-nation eurozone.

Richer countries' reluctance to share taxpayer money with poorer ones is still blocking change. Fixing the euro will be a matter of years — and that's only if the political will can be mustered.

The alternative to change, according to economists and some officials, is that voters may turn their backs on an idea that promised prosperity but didn't deliver.

No less a figure than Mario Draghi, head of the ECB,



Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 photo from files showing euro coins and banknotes shown by a salesclerk at a shop in Vilnius, Lithuania.

said in a recent article it's clear "that our monetary union is still incomplete." And at a Brussels conference Monday, Pierre Moscovici, the EU's commissioner for economic and financial affairs, said the current state — no growth, high unemployment — was "unsustainable."

"If nothing changes in five years, the European project will be rejected," Moscovici said.

Or, as Draghi argued, countries "have to be better off inside than they would be

outside."

Economists often note the euro's lack of a central budget. One central bank — the Frankfurt-based ECB — must devise one monetary policy for 19 countries, each of which has its own budget and a different way of running its economy. When one member is hit with a disaster, there's no central automatic spending to soften the blow.

A shared budget "is the most important missing component and also explains why the eurozone

is so fragile," said Paul De Grauwe, a professor at the London School of Economics and author of "The Economics of Monetary Union."

"And a fiscal union you can only have within a political union, because you need some supranational institution that is capable of directly taxing and spending."

In contrast, the U.S. has a large federal budget that means rich states constantly send money to poorer ones without most people giving it one thought. When Florida's real estate boom collapsed, the state government didn't have to take over the busted banks. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation did. Meanwhile, federal money kept coming to Florida residents to pay their Social Security pensions, their unemployment insurance and their Medicare old-age health insurance.

Not so in Greece, Portugal and Ireland. When those governments faced bills running into the billions — for jobless workers, collapsed banks, pensions and health costs — they were bailed out by other European Union nations. But they had to agree to painful budget cuts and tax increases that sank their economies even deeper into recession.

That pressure to cut back is one factor keeping European growth slow and unemployment high — 11.5

percent overall and 26 percent in shell-shocked Greece. There, the left-wing Syriza party, which is leading ahead of Sunday's vote, has said it plans to reject the bailout conditions, a step that could lead to Greece running out of money and leaving the eurozone.

The troubled countries lack the safety cushion that comes from having their own currency, which would fall in value and make them cheaper places to do business. Instead, they have to cut labor costs.

"So the burden of adjustment ... falls squarely on labor, basically on cutting labor costs," said Simon Tilford, deputy director of the Centre For European Reform in London. "That, politically, is a precarious basis for a currency."

The eurozone has added safeguards since the crisis started in 2009, particularly a bailout fund to lend to troubled countries and common banking oversight to keep failing banks from busting government finances. Rules limiting deficits were toughened and countries' budgets, labor costs and trade balances subject to common review. Yet eurozone growth was only 0.2 percent in the third quarter last year and inflation was minus 0.2 percent. Inflation that low is a sign not just of lower oil prices but of weak demand that some fear could persist for years — or even decades, like it has in Japan.

Still, calls for sharing some spending or financial risk — such as by ramping up common spending on infrastructure, or borrowing collectively through so-called Eurobonds — is still facing a firm "no" from Germany and several other countries such as Finland and the Netherlands.

So what can be done? Draghi argued since U.S.-style budget transfers between richer and poorer "are not foreseen," it's time for countries to make up for that by deciding their economic policies together, to the point of sharing sovereignty. □

## Fitch: Greek bank strain 'manageable' despite vote

ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

The ratings agency Fitch says political uncertainty ahead of Sunday's national election in Greece could further test the country's banks but described the strain as "manageable."

The agency said Monday it expected a 2 percent drop in Greek deposits due to the Jan. 25 election, compared to a drop of more than 9 percent when two consecutive elections were held in 2012 and the country faced an exit from the eurozone.

Weekend opinion polls showed conservative Prime Minister Antonis Samaras' New Democracy party trailing the anti-bailout Syriza party in voter



Conservative Prime Minister Antonis Samaras delivers an election campaign speech at the Athens Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Athens on Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

Associated Press

support and that a coalition government is likely to emerge from Sunday's vote.

Greece's four major banks

are seeking emergency liquidity assistance just in case, which requires approval by the European Central Bank. □

# The Keystone XL Illusion



**Joe Nocera**  
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Greg Rickford, Canada's minister of natural resources, was in the United States most of this past week, on a trip that didn't get much attention in the media with so much bigger news swirling about. So let me fill you in. Rickford spent the first two days of his trip in Washington, where of course debate over the controversial Keystone XL pipeline is underway in earnest in the new Republican-led Senate. The Republican-led House, meanwhile, has already passed a bill giving the go-ahead to the pipeline, which, if it's ever built, will transport heavy crude from the tar sands of Alberta to U.S. refineries in the Gulf of Mexico. And of course President Barack Obama has threatened to veto any such bill, should one land on his desk. In Washington, Rickford met with his Obama administration counterpart, Ernest Moniz, the secretary of energy. Although the Keystone pipeline was not on the agenda, the two men talked about it anyway. Rickford paid a visit to Heidi Heitkamp, the Democratic senator from North Dakota, who strongly supports the Keystone pipeline. (In addition to the Alberta crude, the pipeline would transport shale oil from North Dakota.)

He met with State Department officials to get a Keystone update; because the pipeline would cross the U.S.-Canada border, the department has to do a review, which it has done several times, always coming down in favor of the project. In several speeches, Rickford talked up the close energy relationship between the United States and Canada, noting that Canada sends 3 million barrels per day to America - more than Venezuela and Saudi Arabia combined. He mentioned Canada's new pipeline safety law. He said he thought the Keystone XL pipeline should be approved, which is essentially what Canadian officials have been saying for the past six years.

Then Wednesday, Rickford went to Texas for two days. This is the part of his trip that really caught my attention. His main focus in Texas was on two new Canadian-controlled pipelines that became operational in mid-December. One is called

the Flanagan South pipeline, which cost \$2.8 billion. It covers nearly 600 miles, from Pontiac, Illinois, to Cushing, Oklahoma. The other pipeline, called the Seaway Twin, runs an additional 500 miles, from Cushing to Freeport, Texas, where the refineries are. It cost \$1.2 billion. Guess where some of the oil that is going to run through those pipelines is coming from? Yep - the tar sands of Alberta.

If you are wondering why the environmental community hasn't been chaining itself to the White House fence to protest these two new pipelines, the way it has with Keystone, the answer is that neither of these pipelines crosses the Canadian border, so they don't require the same complicated approval process that Keystone requires. (The Flanagan South line will connect with a pipeline that already crosses the border.) More to the point, perhaps, they were never the symbol that the high-profile Keystone XL became, so that even the approvals they did require never aroused the same attention from environmentalists. Yet these new pipelines are going to be carrying some 200,000 barrels per day of the heavy crude mined from the tar sands. True, that is only a third of what the Keystone XL would be able to deliver, but it essentially helps double the amount of tar sands oil that can be exported to the United States. In addition, there will be expanded rail capacity for Alberta's oil, which is a far more dangerous way to move it than a state-of-the-art pipeline. The point is: With or without Keystone, Canada's tar sands oil is coming to the United States. One of the stated reasons that environmental activists wanted to prevent Keystone from being built was that doing so would force Canada to stop mining the oil. Without Keystone, it was said, Canada would have no means to export it. But that has never been a particularly plausible argument. Even before the opening of these two new pipelines, tar sands oil was coming to the United States, primarily by rail. Indeed, the only thing that can slow it down now is the rapid drop in the price of oil, which is likely to make expensive tar sands crude unprofitable.

Even as the Keystone debate reaches its current crescendo, all that is left, really, is the symbolism. The Republican right claims that Keystone will create jobs. It won't, not to any significant degree. The Democratic left says that the oil Keystone will bring to the Gulf is so dirty, so carbon laden, that it will wreak havoc on the climate. It won't do that either. If the president ultimately decides not to approve Keystone, he will do so knowing full well that he has not stopped the tar sands oil in any meaningful way.

To expect another outcome is, well, a pipe dream. It always was. □



## Rating the Republicans



**David Brooks**  
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If the Republican presidential campaign were "American Idol" or "The Voice," this would be the out-of-town auditions phase. Governors across the country are giving State of the State addresses, unveiling their visions. Let's spin the chairs and grade the contenders, to see who deserves a shot at the big show.

**John Kasich: A.**  
The Ohio governor is easily the most underestimated Republican this year. He just won a landslide victory in the swingiest of the swing states. He carried 86 of Ohio's 88 counties. He won Cuyahoga County, which includes Cleveland, and which President Barack Obama won by 40 points in 2012.

Kasich is the Republican version of Jerry Brown: experienced but undisciplined in an honest, unvarnished way. If he shows he can raise money, and if voters want someone fresh but seasoned and managerial, he might be the guy.

The inaugural address he delivered Monday was a straight-up values speech. But it wasn't about values the way Pat Robertson used to define them. It was traditional values expressed in inclusive, largely secular form. "I think the erosion of basic values that made our nation great is the most serious problem facing our state and our nation today," he said. "And I'm not talk-

ing about those volatile issues." He built his speech around empathy, resilience, responsibility and other virtues: "You know why this happened? Too fixated on ourselves. It's all about me. And somehow we have lost the beautiful sound of our neighbors' voices. Moving beyond ourselves and trying to share in the experience of others helps us open our minds, allows us to grow as people. It helps us become less self-righteous. Did you ever find that in yourself? I do ... self-righteous."

Kasich has a long conservative record, but in his speech he celebrated government workers, like the woman who runs his job and family services department. He argued that economic growth is not an end unto itself, especially when it's not widely shared.

Kasich, a working-class kid, spoke as a small government conservative who sometimes uses government to advance Judeo-Christian values. His mantra is, "When you die and get to the meeting with St. Peter, he's probably not going to ask you much about what you did about keeping government small, but he is going to ask you what you did for the poor."

**Chris Christie: A-minus.**

Bridgegate did some damage, but it clearly wasn't fatal. Whatever can be said about the New Jersey governor, he grabs attention - essential in a crowded field.

Like all smart Republicans in the post-Romney era (yes, we're in it), Christie is working hard to prove he understands the everyday concerns of the poor and the middle class. He spent a good chunk of his address describing his efforts to work with the Democratic mayor of Camden to bring in jobs, fight poverty and reduce crime in that city. It was a bipartisan, government-efficiency pitch: "We terminated the city police department and, partnering with the county, put a new metro division on the streets with 400 officers for the same price we were paying for

260. ... What are the results? Murder down 51 percent, in what was once called the most dangerous city in America."

As Chris Cillizza of The Washington Post noticed, Christie defined anxiety as America's most daunting problem. He said that as he traveled the country, "anxiety was the most palpable emotion that I saw and felt. More than anger, more than fear." Christie hasn't quite nailed down the nature of that anxiety, or what to do about it, but he's clearly hit on an essential theme for an era of economic growth but dissatisfaction.

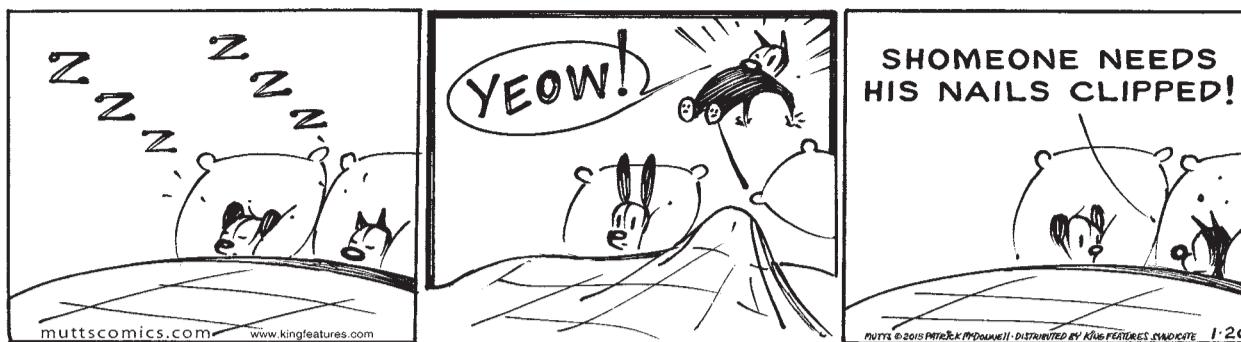
**Scott Walker and Mike Pence: B-plus.**  
The Wisconsin and Indiana governors are both versions of what used to be called working-class, Sam's Club Republicanism. Walker never graduated from college.

In their State of the State addresses, both boasted about the same sorts of accomplishments: dropping unemployment rates, state surpluses, rising graduation rates, lower taxes. Walker mentioned jobs programs for people with disabilities. Pence, who has devoted more effort to fighting poverty, touted his new pre-K education program. Both have good records, but neither speech had anything that was narratively or thematically innovative or of much interest to people outside their states.

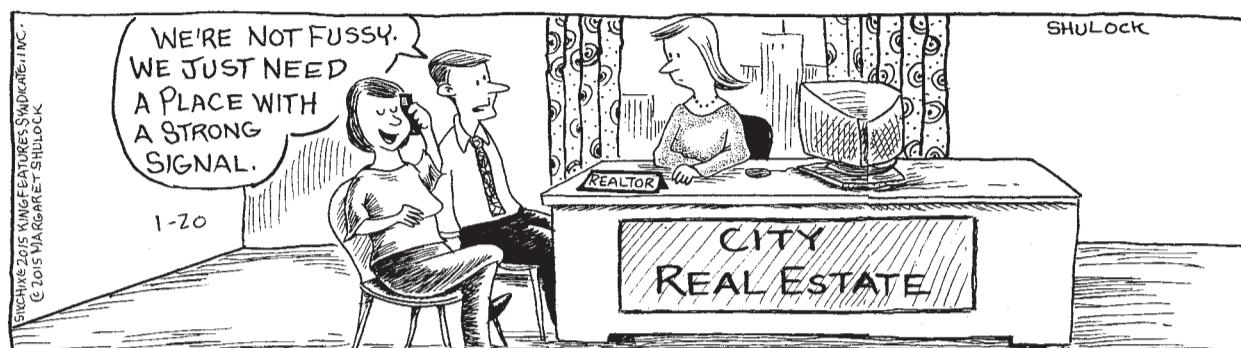
At this stage in the race it's best to evaluate candidates the way you evaluate pitchers during the first week of spring training. Don't think about polls, donor gossip or who has the front-runner label. Ask who makes the catcher's glove pop loudest. Who has the stuff that makes you do a double take?

Among the governors, Kasich and Christie have shown they can take the values of religious conservatives and use them to inform Republican economic and domestic priorities. That's essential if the party is going to retain its business and religious base and also reach the struggling and disaffected. □

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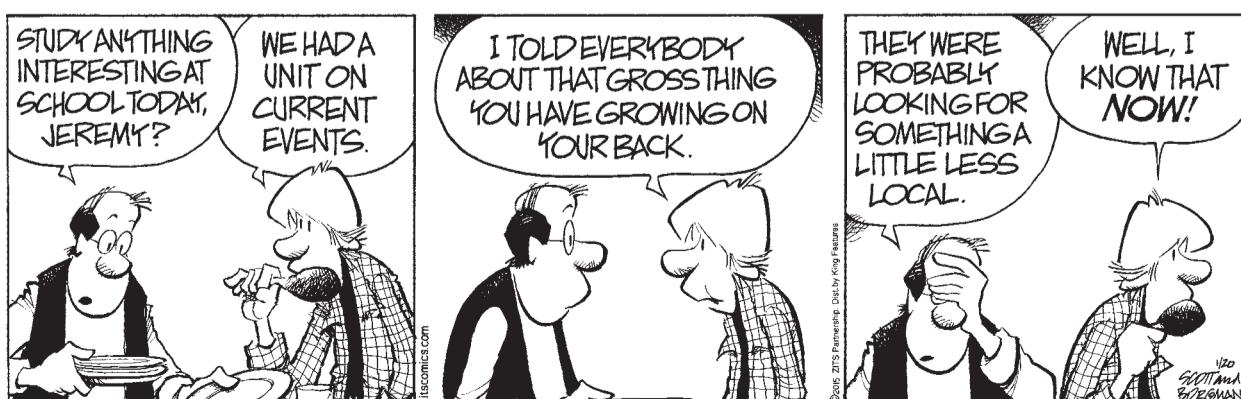
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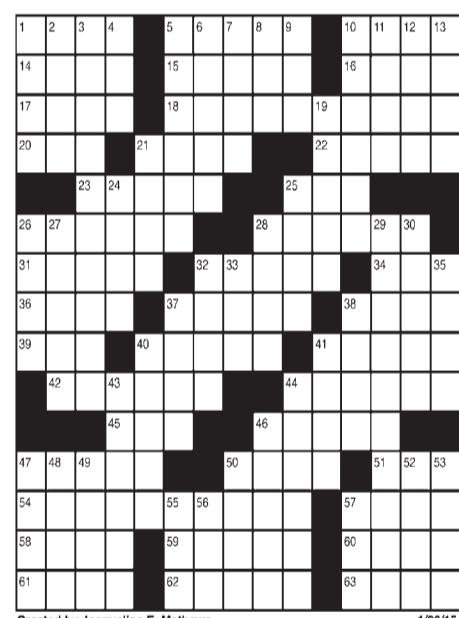
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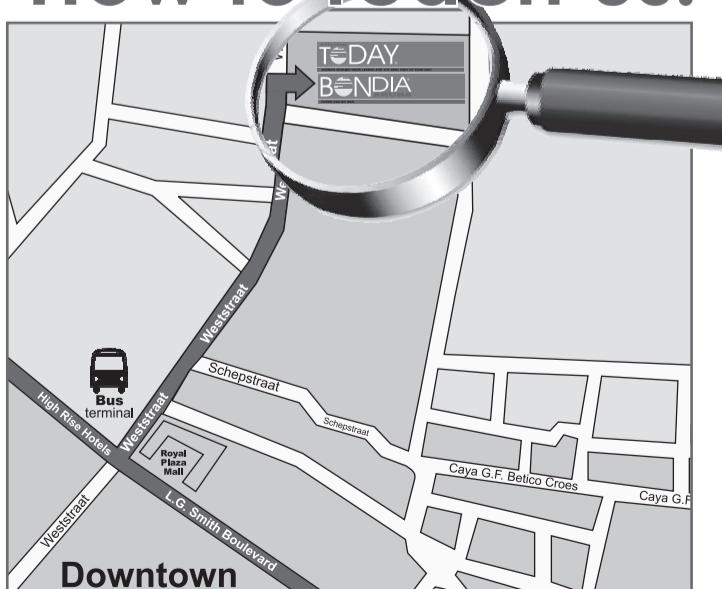
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## BIGGEST RESERVOIR FOR BRAZIL'S LARGEST CITY IS RUNNING DRY

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Associated Press

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Halfway through the rainy season, the key reservoir for the hemisphere's largest city holds just 6 percent of its capacity, and experts warned Friday that Sao Paulo authorities must take urgent steps to prevent the worst drought in more than 80 years from drying it out. The system of reservoirs and rivers that provide water to millions in this city have received less rainfall than hoped during the first weeks of the wet season, raising fears they won't be replenished as hoped. Rainfall during the first two weeks of January totaled just 2.9 inches (7.1 centimeters), well below the historic average for the month of 10.7 inches (27.1 centimeters).

The biggest problem is in the Cantareira water system, which is the largest of six reservoirs that provide water to some 6 million of



In this Oct. 10, 2014 file photo, the frame of a car sits on the cracked earth at the bottom of the Atibainha dam, part of the Cantareira System responsible for providing water to the Sao Paulo metropolitan area, in Nazare Paulista, Brazil.

Associated Press

the 20 million people living in the metropolitan area of Sao Paulo city. Cantareira is now down to 6 percent of its capacity of 264 billion gallons (1 trillion liters), the water utility Sabesp said on its website.

Of the remaining five systems, Alto Tiete is at 11 percent of capacity, Rio Claro 25 percent, Alto Cotia 30 percent, Guarapiranga 40 percent and Rio Grande 70 percent.

"The water supply situation

is critical and could become even more critical if the lack of rain and hot weather continue and effective demand management techniques are not created," Mario Thadeu Leme de Barros, head of

the University of Sao Paulo's hydraulic engineering and environmental department, said by phone. Although declining water supplies have been a concern since last year, authorities have resisted rationing water. But Leme de Barros said officials need to consider a range of steps, among them implementing water rationing but also encouraging the use of more efficient appliances, lowering water pressure in the system and doing better at repairing leaks.

"Sao Paulo's water situation is in the intensive care unit and the worse will only be avoided if these measures are adopted and, of course, if it starts raining more," he Barros said.

The Sao Paulo state government said its measures to conserve water are working, such as offering discounted water bills for those who limit usage and reducing water pressure during off-peak hours. □



This undated handout image released by the Greek Culture Ministry on Monday, Jan. 19, shows pictures of bones and their position, in black, on a human skeleton believed to belong to a woman aged over 60, from a resplendent ancient tomb excavated in northern Greece last year. Associated Press

NICHOLAS PAPHITIS  
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Hu-

man bones found in a resplendent ancient tomb in northern Greece belong to

## MYSTERY GREEK TOMB CONTAINED AT LEAST 5 CORPSES, EXPERTS SAY

at least five individuals, including an elderly woman and a baby, Greek officials said Monday.

The announcement by the Culture Ministry further muddles a high-profile excavation hampered by unrealistic expectations and political attention.

The three-month dig at ancient Amphipolis, 600 kilometers (375 miles) north of Athens, has uncovered three vaulted chambers behind a facade decorated with two big marble sphinxes. Inside, archaeologists found a pair of larger-than-life statues of young women and a mosaic pavement depicting the abduction of the goddess

Persephone by Hades, king of the underworld.

It is unclear when each of the five individuals died or were buried and even whether the tomb had been built for them all.

The thoroughly-plundered tomb has been dated to between 325 B.C. — two years before the death of ancient Greek warrior-king Alexander the Great — and 300 B.C., although some archaeologists think it could be considerably later. Experts speculated it could have been built for a general or a relative of Alexander's, who himself was buried in Egypt.

Monday's announcement

said the human bones belonged to a woman in her 60s who suffered from osteoporosis and hormonal problems, a newborn child of unspecified sex, two men aged 35 to 45, the youngest of whom died of stab wounds, and a fourth adult whose corpse — unlike the others — had been cremated. Further testing is expected to date the remains and establish whether the dead were related.

Chief excavator Katerina Peristeri, who backs the buried general theory, initially insisted the grave was not plundered but changed her mind after the burial chamber was found looted. □

# Amazon to produce, acquire original movies

JAKE COYLE  
AP Film Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amazon is getting into the movie business.

Amazon Studios announced Monday that it will significantly expand into movie production by acquiring films for theatrical release and early-window streaming through its subscription service, Amazon Prime Instant Video. A key part of the new venture is to shrink what's historically been a three-month window reserved for theaters, instead getting movies to its website four to eight weeks after theatrical release.

Roy Price, vice president of Amazon Studios, said the company's goal is to produce 12 movies a year,

with production beginning later this year.

"Not only will we bring Prime Instant Video customers exciting, unique and exclusive films soon after a movie's theatrical run, but we hope this program will also benefit filmmakers, who too often struggle to mount fresh and daring stories that deserve an audience," said Price.

The announcement marks a new foray into the movie business for the online retail giant, which has in recent years developed a slate of TV series since Amazon Studios launched in 2010. Most recently, its acclaimed "Transparent" won two Golden Globe awards, including best comedy or musical series.

Independent film producer

Ted Hope, who co-founded the production company Good Machine, will oversee creative development for the new unit, Amazon Original Movies.

The move marks the latest major digital player pushing into Hollywood's movie business. Netflix last year inked deals with Adam Sandler and the Weinstein Co.

Amazon's entry into movies also follows Sony Pictures' unprecedented digital distribution of the Seth Rogen comedy "The Interview," the first major studio film to be released simultaneously in theaters, online and on video-on-demand platforms. Top North American theater chains have vigorously protested such moves. On Friday, Patrick



In this image released by Amazon Digital, Amy Landecker, left, and Jeffrey Tambor appear in a scene from "Transparent," a new series on Amazon Digital. Amazon.com's Prime Instant Video made history this week when its show "Transparent" won a Golden Globe for best TV series, a first for a web-only production.

Associated Press

Corcoran, vice president of the National Association of Theater Owners, fired back at those who saw Sony Pictures' digital release of "The Interview" as a sign of things to come. Corcoran said the movie's release "doesn't change anything," and noted that its two-week \$31.5 million

digital gross was far less the film would have made at multiplexes.

But new entrants such as Amazon and Netflix don't have to worry about theater chains the way Hollywood studios do. Any Amazon Studios movie release will likely only play in independent theaters. □

## 'American Sniper' astounds with \$105.3M over MLK weekend

JAKE COYLE  
AP Film Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Clint Eastwood's R-rated Iraq War drama "American Sniper" opened in January like a superhero movie in July, taking in a record \$105.3 million over the Martin Luther King Jr. four-day weekend.

The film's unprecedented success obliterated forecasts and set numerous box-office records. It easily surpassed "Avatar" to become the biggest January weekend ever.

The resounding wide-release opening is also tops for the 84-year-old Eastwood, whose previous best weekend was the \$29.5 million wide release of 2009's "Gran Torino. And it, in one weekend, gives the Oscar best-picture race something it was lacking: a big ol' box-office hit.

"American Sniper," nominated for six Academy Awards, immediately becomes the top grosser of the best-picture nominees. The previous biggest hit was Wes Anderson's "Grand Budapest Hotel," which made \$59.1 million in its entire run.



In this image released by Warner Bros. Pictures, Kyle Gallner, left, and Bradley Cooper appear in a scene from "American Sniper." The film is based on the autobiography by Chris Kyle.

Associated Press

This was actually the third week of release for "American Sniper," which played in just a handful of theaters for two weeks. That slow release pattern helped stoke demand for the film, in which Bradley Cooper stars as Navy SEAL marksman Chris Kyle.

"It's become a cultural phenomenon," said Dan Fellman, head of domestic distribution for Warner Bros. "The movie reached an audience that's very hard to tap into. In both red and blue states, small and large cities, tiny towns — everywhere we went — it broke records."

Going into the weekend,

optimistic predictions for "American Sniper" were closer to \$50 million, which still would have been an enormous success, particularly considering how little appetite audiences have had for movies about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This was maybe the most underestimated film of all time, considering that it did about twice what estimates predicted," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office firm Rentrak. "This just doesn't happen."

But the film was warmly embraced by conservatives, which Fellman said

was a "huge" factor. The audience, which was 57 percent male, gave it an A+ CinemaScore. Dergarabedian said "American Sniper" resonated with audiences craving a celebration of valor, courage and patriotism.

"American Sniper," once pegged for release in late 2015, was moved up to qualify for this year's Oscars. After Eastwood's other 2014 release, "Jersey Boys," struggled in its June release, totaling \$47 million, "American Sniper" — a \$58 million co-production between Warner Bros. and Village Roadshow — was tossed into this year's

Christmas mix. The remarkable success of "American Sniper," which made \$89.5 million over the three-day weekend, didn't appear to hurt the business of other releases. The Weinstein Co.'s well-reviewed animated film "Paddington" opened with an estimated \$25.2 million over the four-day weekend. The Kevin Hart, Josh Gad comedy "The Wedding Ringer" debuted with \$24.5 million for Sony Pictures.

However, Michael Mann's cyber-thriller "Blackhat," starring Chris Hemsworth, flopped. Made for about \$70 million by Legendary Pictures for distributor Universal Pictures, "Blackhat" bombed with just \$4.4 million.

In its fourth weekend of release, the civil rights drama "Selma" took in \$11.5 million on the holiday weekend that honors its protagonist, King. The film landed two Oscar nominations on Thursday, including best picture, but the snubbing of its star, David Oyelowo, and director, Ava DuVernay, drew widespread outrage. □

## King holiday: 'Selma' stars including Oprah march in Alabama

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**SELMA, Alabama (AP)** — Oprah Winfrey and fellow actors from the movie "Selma" marched with hundreds in a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., one of many events around the U.S. ushering in Monday's federal holiday for the slain civil rights leader.

Remembrances of the King legacy come amid somber reflection by many on incidents in which unarmed black men were killed by police in recent months, spurring protests and heightening tensions in the U.S. In Ferguson, Missouri, where one fatal shooting caused weeks of violent protests, leaders urged reforms to the criminal justice system in the name of equality.

"We need to be outraged

when local law enforcement and the justice system repeatedly allow young, unarmed black men to encounter police and then wind up dead with no consequences," said Congressman William Clay, a St. Louis Democrat. "Not just in Ferguson, but over and over again across this country."

The King holiday, meanwhile, was being met with activities nationwide, including plans for a wreath-laying in Maryland, a tribute breakfast in Boston and volunteer service activities by churches and community groups in Illinois. In South Carolina, civil rights leaders readied for their biggest rally of the year.

Winfrey helped lead a march by hundreds on Sunday with "Selma" director Ava DuVernay and



**Oprah Winfrey locks arms with David Oyelowo, who portrays Martin Luther King Jr. in the movie "Selma" as they march to the Edmund Pettus Bridge in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015, in Selma, Ala.**

actor David Oyelowo, who played King in the movie. "Selma" chronicled tur-

bulent events leading up to the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, and the subsequent passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which was meant to end the practice of preventing African-Americans from voting then common around the Southeast.

Winfrey played activist Annie Lee Cooper in the movie, which was nominated for two Oscars, in categories of best picture and best original song. A producer on the film, Winfrey praised the 1965 marchers for their courage in meeting fierce opposition on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma — scene of Sunday's remembrance march.

"Look at what they were able to do with so little, and look at how we now have so much," Winfrey said. "If they could do that, imagine what now can be accomplished with the opportunity through social media and connection, the opportunity through understanding that absolutely we are more alike than we are different."

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crowd swelling to 25,000. Elsewhere, King's legacy was being celebrated with days of events in Atlanta, especially at the church he once pastored. The current pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, the Rev. Raphael Warnock, said the annual King holiday is a time when "all of God's children are busy spreading the message of freedom and justice."

On Monday, Oyelowo planned to deliver a holiday tribute to King at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where church members over the weekend sang the civil rights anthem, "We Shall Overcome."

Calls for unity were heard during the events surrounding the King holiday.

During Sunday's march in Selma, Common and John Legend performed their Oscar-nominated song "Glory" from the film as marchers crested the top of the bridge as the sun set. Common had a part in the movie and said that song sought to show the link between the struggle of the past and today's injustices. "We are the ones that can change the world," Common said afterward. "It is up to us, and it takes all us — black, white, Latino, Asian, native-American, whatever nationality or religious background. There is a certain togetherness that we've got to have." □

## TLC looks to fund final album through Kickstarter campaign

**JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.**  
Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Grammy-winning R&B group TLC is depending on fans to fund the release of their final album through a Kickstarter campaign.

The group, which now consists of T-Boz and Chilli, launched the campaign on Monday. It's been nearly 13 years since their last album, "3D," which was released seven months after the death of Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes in 2002.

"We've always been known to do things differently," said T-Boz, who was born Tionne Watkins. "We've always been trailblazers and trendsetters. We've always been outspoken, and this seems like the perfect opportunity."

TLC released back-to-back hits, including "Creep," "Waterfalls" and "No Scrubs." Their Grammy-winning sophomore album, "CrazySexyCool," sold more than 10 million units. The group once filed for bankruptcy in 1996, despite having two multiplatinum albums.

T-Boz and Rozanda "Chilli"

Thomas have already begun the writing phase and production of their fifth album, expecting to release it in May when their tour starts. The group is hoping to collect at least \$150,000 through the campaign to fund the recording process from paying for studio time, production, compensating the musicians and promoting the album.

"People may say, 'Hey, you are celebrities. Why can't you just pay for it yourself?'" Chilli said. "But it doesn't work that way. There's a lot that goes into it. We want to bring our fans into the process and see how it's done."

TLC's campaign efforts follow Neil Young, who used Kickstarter to raise \$6.2 million through 18,000 supporters last year to fund his digital music project Pono-Music.

With donations starting at \$5, supporters will receive an exclusive digital track and communicate with them during their recording process. Higher pledges will include VIP concert tickets, a recorded custom voicemail by T-Boz and



**This June 24, 2008, file photo shows Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins, right, and Rozanda "Chilli" Thomas arrive at the BET Awards in Los Angeles.**

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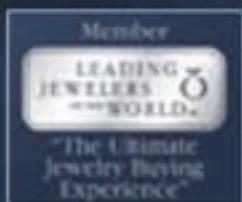
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